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A.—(a) The pivots of the shutters on the anicut have been raised. The effect has been beneficial, as the shutters now do not fall until the water is at a higher level than before, but the full effect will appear only in a bad year, and the Government propose to obtain further experience of this alteration before deciding whether any further improvement is required.

(b) No.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have calculated the amount of water that will be discharged as a result of this improvement, and whether they have assured themselves that this improvement will give such a discharge as to obviate the present insufficient supply of water, which is the cause for the present delay in transplantation ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" As I have said in the answer, the Government await further experience of this alteration before deciding whether any further improvement is required."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not possible to calculate what the water level and the resulting discharge are likely to be in such a case ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" That is a technical question, Sir, which the hon. Member is better qualified to answer than I."

*Creation of a Separate Irrigation Advisory Board for Godavari Central Delta.*

* 350 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the annual conferences with ryots, held by the Executive Engineer, Godavari Central Delta, at four centres in Razole and Amalapur taluks of the East Godavari district during October 1930, the ryots of the two taluks requested unanimously for the creation of a separate irrigation advisory board for that delta, and that the Executive Engineer welcomed the proposal as essential and desirable ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to consider their request ?

A.—(a) A representation to this effect has been received from the East Godavari District Association.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

*Construction of a syphon over the Moratu channel.*

* 351 Q.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the construction of a syphon was sanctioned by the Collector over the Moratu channel in Vylamore village, Chidambaram taluk, in 1929 ;

(b) whether any reference was made by the Board of Revenue for an objection statement being taken from the ryots likely to be affected by the said construction ;

(c) whether the Divisional Officer of Chidambaram has already submitted any such statement to the Collector; and

(d) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to ascertain the reason for the delay, if any, in the matter?

*A.*—(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Collector has reported that the parties likely to be affected by the proposed syphon have no objection to it. The proposal has been approved by the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know when the proposal was approved by the Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Quite recently."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know what is the scope of the new scheme approved by the Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know how many villages will be benefited by this proposed scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Notice, Sir."

*Expenditure on minor irrigation in Chittoor district.*

* 352 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the allotment for minor irrigation work in Chittoor district for each of the years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929;

(*b*) how much was spent during each of these years; and

(*c*) what are the reasons for the unspent balance, if any?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement shows the allotment for, and the expenditure on, minor irrigation works in the Chittoor district for the official years 1926–27 to 1929–30:—

| | Allotment. | Expenditure. |
|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. |
| 1926–27 ... ... ... | 44,000 | 43,999 |
| 1927–28 ... ... ... | 40,000 | 38,161 |
| 1928–29 ... ... ... | 49,027 | 48,726 |
| 1929–30 ... ... ... | 60,120 | 60,012 |

(*c*) There are no special reasons.

*Repairs to the sluice of the Pidarithangal ayacut.*

* 353 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of the ayacut under Pidarithangal in Velambut village of Gudiyattam taluk;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the sluice of the Thangal has been out of repair and that on a petition presented by the ayacutdars for its repair, the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, ordered them to pay up to Government three-fourths of the probable charges; and

(*c*) why there was a call for contribution from the ayacutdars?